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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) <u>An article A fastener comprising:</u>

a fastener selected from the group including a rivet nut, a rivet nut stud, a threaded insert, and a blind threaded insert, wherein said fastener has an inner surface and an outer surface, and at least a portion of said outer surface has having an adhesive thereon.

- 2. (original) The article recited in Claim 1 wherein said adhesive layer forms a strip around said outer surface.
- 3. (original) The article recited in Claim 1 wherein said adhesive layer covers said outer surface.
- 4. (original) The article recited in Claim 1 wherein said fastener has a substantially circular cross-section.
- 5. (original) The article recited in Claim 1 wherein said fastener has a hexagonal cross-section.
- 6. (original) The article recited in Claim 1 wherein said outer surface further comprises at least one ridge.
- 7. (original) The article recited in Claim 6 wherein said adhesive layer is located on said at least one ridge.

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- 8. (original) The article recited in Claim 7 wherein said adhesive layer covers said at least one ridge.
- 9. (original) The article recited in Claim 1 wherein said outer surface further comprises a knurled portion.
- 10. (original) The article recited in Claim 9 wherein said adhesive layer is located on said knurled portion of said outer surface.
- 11. (original) The article recited in Claim 10 wherein said adhesive layer covers said knurled portion.
- 12. (original) The article recited in Claim 1 wherein said adhesive layer comprises a threadlocking composition.
- 13. (original) The article recited in Claim 12 wherein said threadlocking composition comprises methacrylate ester.
- 14. (original) The article recited in Claim 12 wherein said threadlocking composition comprises an epoxy.
- 15. (original) The article recited in Claim 1 wherein a portion of said inner surface is threaded.
- 16. (currently amended) The article recited in Claim 1 further comprising a flange with a surface.
- 17. (currently amended) The article recited in Claim 16 wherein a portion a of said surface of said flange has adhesive thereon.

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18. (original)

The article recited in Claim 16 wherein said flange comprises a

knurled portion.

19. (original)

The article recited in Claim 18 wherein said knurled portion of said

flange has adhesive thereon.

20. (original)

The article recited in Claim 1 further comprising a stud.

21. (original)

The article recited in Claim 1 wherein said outer surface comprises

at least one slot.

22. (original)

The article recited in Claim 1 wherein said adhesive is enclosed in

microcapsules.

23. (original)

The article recited in Claim 1 wherein said fastener has a closed

end.

24. (original)

The article recited in Claim 1 wherein said fastener has an open

end.

## 25. A fastener An article comprising:

a fastener selected from the group including a rivet nut, a rivet nut stud, a threaded insert, and a blind threaded insert, wherein said fastener has an inner surface, an outer surface, and a flange and at least a portion of a surface of said flange has an adhesive thereon.

an inner surface;

an outer surface; and,

a flange, at least a portion of a surface of said flange having an adhesive thereon.